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SUBJECT: GATT PANELS ON DISC AND RELATED TAX MATTERS, MARCH 16

REF: STATE 40045, GENEVA 1260

1. FURTHER TO STATE 40045, FRENCH, DUTCH, BELGIAN MISSIONS SAY THEY EXPECT TAX EXPERTS FROM THEIR CAPITALS AND THUS SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE SEPARATE PANELS WHICH BEGIN MARCH 16.

2. FRENCH EXPECT KERLAN, FROM DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF TEXATION, PLUS SOMEONE FROM ECONOMIC SIDE OF SAME MINISTRY (DREE). (NOTE: COLMANT OF FRENCH MISSION GENEVA HAS SUGGESTED U.S. AND FRENCH PARTICIPANTS HAVE INFORMAL CONTACTS DURING WEEK OF PANELS.) BELGIAN MISSION EXPECTS A TAX EXPERT NAMED BUBLOT WILL ATTEND FROM FINANCE MINISTRY; DUTCH MISSION

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BELIEVES A TAX EXPERT FROM THEIR FINANCE MINISTRY WILL BE SENT, IDENTIFY WILL BE KNOWN CLOSER TO DATE OF PANELS.

3. BELGIAN MISSION HAS SUPPLIED LETTER SIMILAR TO DUTY
LETTER (GENEVA 1101) CONFIRMING THEIR POSITION THAT
PANELS MUST DECIDE ON OWN PROCEDURES. FRENCH MISSION
HAS ALSO SENT LETTER CONFIRMING SAME AND ASKING WHETHER
THE U.S. IS PREPARED TO GIVE A WRITTEN SUBMISSION TO
THE PANEL ON FRENCH TAX MEASURES IF THE PANEL REQUESTS
ONE. PER PARA 2 REFTEL (A), WE HAVE TOLD FRENCH THAT
WE HAVE NO PAST WRITTEN MATERIALS TO MAKE AVAILABLE
NOW BUT WOULD HAVE SUBMISSION IF REQUESTED BY PANEL.
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